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SUBJ: MY FAREWELL CALL ON PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS

1. PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS POINTEDLY ASKED ME TODAY (SEPTEMBER 9) WHETHER IN FACT CIA HAD SPONSORED APRIL 1967 AND NOVEMBER 25, 1973 COUPS. I REPLIED THAT THESE REPORTS TOTALLY WRONG. IN FACT IN MY EXPEREINCE THE EFFECT OF NOVEMBER 25, 1973 COUP HAD TURNED OUT TO BE NEGATIVE WITH RESPECT TO GREEK-U.S. RELATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, I NOTED THAT IOANNIDES HAD IN FACT SUCCEEDED IN QUEERING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND GREEK MILITARY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE "FORTIES" BECAUSE OF GREEK ATTITUDE TOWARD THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF PHASE II OF HOMEPORTING AND SOUDA BAY.

2. I AM NOT CERTAIN CARAMANLIS HAS BEEN FULLY PERSUADED BY MY CATEGORIC DENIALS. SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT ATHENS IS SATURATED WITH RUMORS THAT THE U.S. WAS BEHIND THE APRIL 21, 1967, THE NOVEMBER 25, 1973, AND THE JULY 15, 1974 (CYPRUS) COUPS. ALL OF THIS, OF COURSE, FEEDS ANTI-AMERICANISM IN GREECE. IT WILL BE FOR DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THE BEST WAY OF EFFECTIVELY SCOTCHING THESE RUMORS. TASCA

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